



St. Mary's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Called to **serve, heal, and love** in the light of God.

YEARS
95



CREATION
CARE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

8:00 a.m. • Rite I Holy Eucharist (spoken)

The Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC
Presider & Preacher

WELCOME

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Here in the Episcopal Church, we truly welcome everyone. Please sign a visitor's card (or scan the QR code below) and introduce yourself to Fr. Lester after the service.

If you'd like more information on joining St. Mary's, membership, baptism, serving as a youth acolyte, confirmation, etc., contact the Parish Office at 949-494-3542 or email parishoffice@stmaryslb.org.

Thank you for worshipping with us today!



Our Mission: To be open to God's love and Guidance. To embrace all in the name of Christ.

Our Vision: To be an inclusive community called to serve, heal, and love our neighbors in the Light of God.



New to St. Mary's?

Candida R. TerBush leads our Welcome and Engagement ministries at St. Mary's and she would love the opportunity to connect and answer any questions you may have.

Contact her at candidarivera25@yahoo.com

Sunday Schedule

8 AM

Traditional

Rite I Spoken Eucharist

9:15 AM

Adult Education

(will continue after Easter)

10:30 AM

Contemporary

Rite II Eucharist with Choir

Children/Youth

Childcare with Mimi Chavez, Children's Chapel in the Lower Church

11:30 AM

Hospitality/Coffee Hour

Guild Hall

Weekly Service Schedule

TUES

10:00am, Healing Service

Conference Call Format

WED

11:00am, Eucharist

Spoken, Church

THURS

7pm, Taize Heartfulness

First Thursdays, Church

Ways to Give

Gratitude for your financial support of St. Mary's. Please consider giving to help us continue our ministry here in Laguna Beach and beyond.



Text GIFTMARY
to 44321



During the offering
on Sunday



Online through
Give Lively platform



Mail offering & pledges
to Parish Office

Ministry Schedule

Thank you to all of our ministry volunteers!

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, or made a change to the schedule, please mark the schedule in the Narthex and also contact the Parish Office.

We can always use more volunteers to help out with our Sunday liturgies! If you would like to help with being a reader, acolyte, usher, hospitality, etc., please contact the Parish Office.

This Sunday, April 21, 10:30 am

First Reader	Christopher Gilbertson
Second Reader	Karen Zfaty
Crucifer	Ben Brown
Chalice	Pat August
Ushers	Larry & Marjorie Gorum
Hospitality	Mike & Stephanie Metzler

Next Sunday, April 28, 10:30 am

First Reader	Kristi Guggenheim
Second Reader	Aden Welle
Crucifer	Martha Davis
Chalice	Tammi Ford
Ushers	Jim van Gaasbeek & Susie Horaney



Next Sunday's Lessons

Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 4:7-21,
John 15:1-8, Psalm 22:24-30

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, April 21

8AM	Rite I Holy Eucharist spoken
10:30AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist with Choir <i>Hospitality Hour following</i>
2PM	USC Film Student Filming, Church

Monday, April 22

7PM	AA Men's Group Meeting, Guild Hall
-----	------------------------------------

Tuesday, April 23

10AM	Healing Service, Conference Call Format
7PM	AA Women's Group Meeting, Guild Hall
7PM	L.B. Chamber Singers, Church

Parish Prayer List

For the departed

Lorett Gautreaux, Dave Brokaw, Colette Marsaud, Nancy Guthrie, Ralph Root, Blake Franklin, Bill Ford, Jose Chavez, John Lever, Steven Perryman

For healing, comfort and other requests

Randy, Betty K, Lie, Bettina, Pinkie M, JoAnn, Kayla K, Mary H, Josephine, Pamela, Joe, Terry, Sara, Jerry, Terrie, Nancy, Carol, Phoebe, Ralph, Hampton, Mimi, Francesca, Grace, Josh, John P., Tanya, Daniel, Tom, Jan, Karen, Lynn, Gregory, Naomi, Bill & Sara, Nick J, Cynthia, Don, Barbara, Erin, Ashley, Kady, Beau and Erika, Mike L, Erin, Tina, Milana, Linda, Kenedy, , Jill, John, Chris, Richard, Sarah, Corrie, Pat, Lauren, Judy, Jan

For all others in need

Those affected by natural & environmental disasters especially Japan, all in fear in Ukraine, Ethiopia, Sudan, Kongo, Israel and Palestine.

For our City of Laguna Beach and the Diocese of Los Angeles



Prayer cards can be found in the Narthex or scan the QR Code here:

Wednesday, April 24

10AM	Parish Staff Meeting
7PM	AA Men's Group Meeting, Guild Hall

Thursday, April 25

8AM	Men's Bible Study, Office Library
10:30AM	ECW Meeting for Outreach
12PM	Finance Committee Meeting
6:30PM	Toastmasters Meeting, Guild Hall

Friday, April 26

1PM	Women's Bible Study, Office Library
-----	-------------------------------------

Saturday, April 27

8PM	AA Living Sober Group Meeting, Guild Hall
-----	---

Your Parish Leadership

Parish Staff

The Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie, Rector
lmackenzie@stmaryslb.org · 949-494-3542

The Rev. Will Crist, Assisting Clergy
willcrist@mac.com · 949-355-6013

Ryan Martin, Parish Administrator
parishoffice@stmaryslb.org · 949-494-3542

Bob Gunn, Music Director
rmgunn@mac.com · 949-533-5055

Miriam Chavez, Childcare
Martin & Christina Reyna, Sextons

Parish Office Information

The Parish Office is open Monday - Friday,
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each week.

(949) 494-3542
parishoffice@stmaryslb.org
www.stmaryslagunabeach.org

Your Vestry

Tammi Ford · 2024 · Rector's Warden ·
tammiford2@gmail.com

Tom Davis · 2024 · People's Warden ·
tom@davistoftlaw.com

Shauna McFadden · 2024 · Peoples Warden ·
shauna_mcfadden@yahoo.com

Claudia Mellin · Clerk · mellins7lb@aol.com

Jim van Gaasbeek · Treasurer · jvgbvg@cox.net

Mike Metzler · Class of 2024

Candida Rivera TerBush · Class of 2024

Pat August · Class of 2025

Hoyt Bacon · Class of 2025

Carrie Joyce · Class of 2025

Ben Brown · Class of 2025

Janet Chisholm · Class of 2026

Glen Roske · Class of 2026

John Kilpatrick · Class of 2026

Marc Mullendore · Class of 2026

*The Vestry meets the Fourth Sunday of each
Month at 12:00 p.m.*

A Few Reminders

WORSHIP

Follow along starting on page 9. Responses are in bold.

COMMUNION

From whatever tradition you come, you are always welcome at the Lord's table. We are currently receiving Communion at the Altar Rail.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

There will not be childcare service with Mimi Chavez this morning. There are "Youth Bulletins" with crayons in the back of the church. All Youth are invited to help participate during our Family Service (1st Sunday at 10:30am) as readers or acolytes. Contact Fr. Lester.

RESTROOMS

These facilities are located on our lower level, beneath the choir. For wheelchair access, please ask an usher for assistance.

HOSPITALITY / COFFEE HOUR

Following today's 10:30am Service, all are welcome to our Guild Hall for fellowship, coffee and light refreshments.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome to St. Mary's! Introduce yourself to Fr. Lester and complete a Newcomer Card. There is a QR code on page 3 of this bulletin to also fill out online. We are glad that you are here to join us in this faith forward journey.

You are always welcome here.



Calling all Youth to help serve as an Acolyte at Church!

If interested in being an acolyte during the 10:30am service, contact Fr. Lester.



Altar Flower Dedication

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God from **Karen Zfaty**, "in loving memory of my mom, Jeany Hammeras, on her 98th birthday."



FAITH FORWARD JOURNEY

UNITY IN COMMUNITY - WALKING TOGETHER - ROOTED IN JESUS

2024 Stewardship
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

95^{YEARS}

A "Blast from the Past"

As we celebrate 95 years as a community, we reflect on our history in Laguna Beach.

By the 1950's the horsehair and plaster buildings had begun to deteriorate; they had no steel reinforcement and, by the 1970's, were beyond repair. The Chapel continued to be used for weddings and other events, but by 1977 had become so unsafe that it had to be de-consecrated and razed.



LAGUNA BEACH CHILDREN'S CHORUS

A QUALITY MUSICAL, EDUCATIONAL, PERFORMING, AND SOCIAL EXPERIENCE

seeking singers ages 8-11 for an exciting new choral ensemble



Call for information
and to sign up for a parent meeting

Patricia Shanks, Director
(949) 723-4473
Carol White
(510) 388-7286
Karen Zfaty
(949) 468-6949

THE RECTOR STOPS IN AT THE LOCAL GROCERY STORE



© 2018 Church Pension Group



YOU ARE INVITED TO E.C.W.'S

LINE DANCING

TO CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO

SUNDAY, MAY 5

12:00 PM, GUILD HALL

\$20 - ADULTS

YOUTH 12 & UNDER - FREE

TICKETS INCLUDE CINCO DE MAYO
LUNCH, SOFT DRINK & LINE DANCING

BEER & WINE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

TICKETS ARE ON SALE!

SEE A DESIGNATED ECW MEMBER
FOR MORE INFORMATION.





Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Clothing Collection Drive for Working Wardrobes

Donate Your Gently Used Clothing!

When:

- Date: March-April
- Location: Bring to St. Mary's

What to Donate:

- Quality Clothing: Clean and gently used items on hangers.
- Accessories: We accept accessories too!

Why Donate?

- Your donations help individuals overcome barriers to gainful employment.
- 100% of retail profits fund Working Wardrobes' career readiness services.

How to Participate:

1. **Select and Clean:** Gather your best-quality clothing and put them on hangers.
2. **Spread the Word:** Tell everyone about our need for all types of donations.

Contact Us:

- Contact Marjorie: 949 497-8549-h; 714 322-0567-c or email: marlar4@cox.net

Important Safety Guidelines:

- Donated clothes must be CLEAN and ON HANGERS.

Thank you for supporting Working Wardrobes! Your contributions make a difference in the lives of those striving for meaningful employment.

For more information, visit the Working Wardrobes Donation Center.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)
Theme for April 2024:

Rebirth

"The resurrection not only brings the future into the present but also brings heaven to earth."
Tim Keller

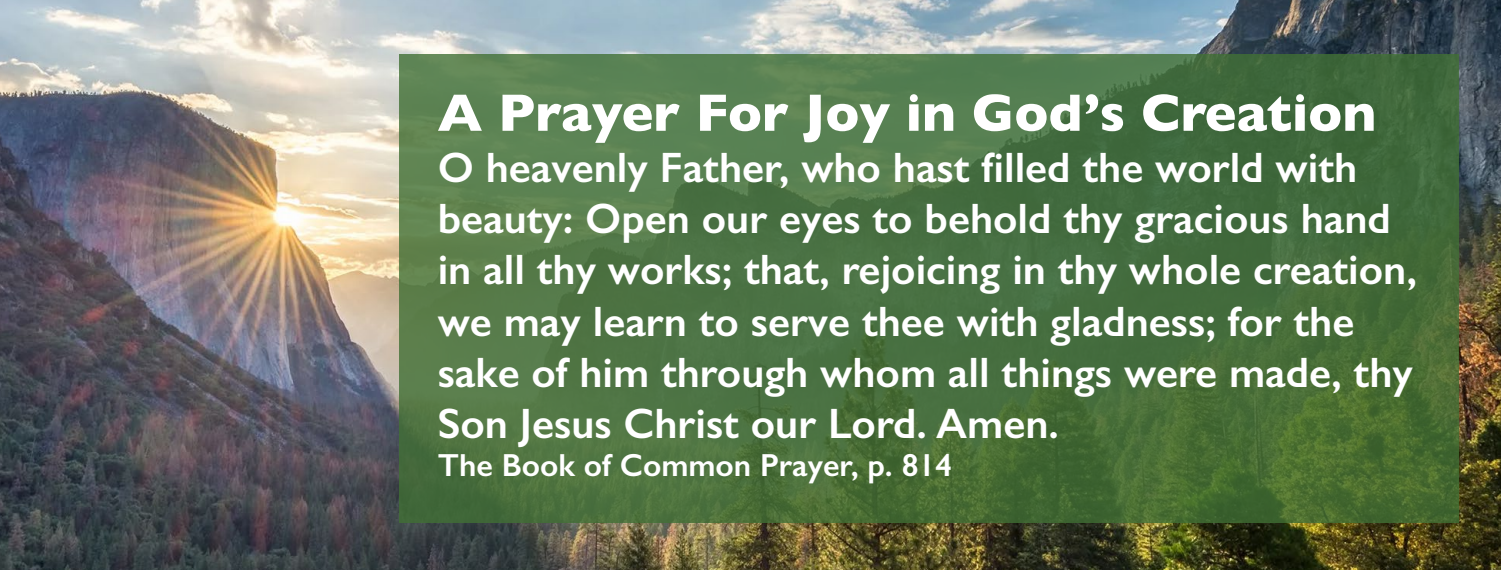


Taizé

HEARTFULNESS SERVICE

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7PM // ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
428 Park Ave. Laguna Beach, CA 92651



A Prayer For Joy in God's Creation
O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Book of Common Prayer, p. 814



love.
ALWAYS.

REVIVAL
AND
LEARNING PARTY

LOUISVILLE, KY
JUNE 22, 2024

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

For the Holy Eucharist Rite One, we will be utilizing the Book of Common Prayer, found in the pews. Anytime you see the abbreviation *BCP*, please refer to the Book of Common Prayer.



Before the service, we speak to God. During the service, God speaks to us.

OPENING ACCLAMATION, GLORIA • BCP 323-324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people stand.

The Word of God

THE FIRST LESSON • Acts 4:5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The people sit for the Word of God.

According to Luke, the arrest of Peter and John is instigated by the Sadducees. The Sadducees held only to the written law, rejected the oral tradition followed by the Pharisees and did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. The Pharisees taught a future general resurrection, but Peter and John proclaim resurrection as a present and life-giving reality in Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

This psalm is probably the most familiar and popular psalm of all. It celebrates God's loving care for us under the guise of a good shepherd who provides food, security, and protection from all dangers. God guides us on our journey through life so that we might "dwell in the house of the Lord."

These verses discuss the mark of a Christian's life - love. This love is the proof that Christians have passed from death to life. Refusal to love one another is tantamount to murder. True love for one another is manifested in action, modeled upon the experience of Jesus's love for us. It is shown as self-sacrifice as the heroic level and in the daily exercise of generosity. Deeds, not devout protestations or guilty feelings, will reveal our true standing before God, who knows us better than we know ourselves.

THE PSALM • *Psalm 23 (Spoken Responsively By Whole Verse)*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

THE EPISTLE • *1 John 3:16-24*

A reading from The First Letter of John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL • John 10:11-18

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."



The people **stand** for the Holy Gospel.

In Hebrew scripture, God is called the Shepherd of Israel, as is David or the Davidic Messiah. Today's gospel develops the figure of the shepherd of the sheep. Jesus is the "good shepherd" (v. 11). The word good might be better rendered as "model." Jesus is the model shepherd, both because of his willingness to lay down his life and because of his intimate knowledge of his flock. The intimacy between the shepherd and his flock parallels that between the Father and the Son. The purpose of this mutual knowledge is to bring Jesus's followers, both the flock of Israel and the Gentile flocks, into union with him and with one another.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON • *The Reverend Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP PG. 326

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader As one flock with one Shepherd, let us lift our voices in prayer for the Church and the world. That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, we pray to the living God.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That those who serve in the Church throughout the world - especially Michael our Presiding Bishop; John our Diocese Bishop may be refreshed and encouraged by Christ's victory, we pray to the living God.

People **Hear our prayer.**

The people **sit** for the Sermon.

Please stand as you are able.

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the *Sursum corda*, meaning “Lift up your hearts.”

When it is time for you to go forward to the altar rail, an usher will direct your row. Proceed to the altar rail and you may stand or kneel. Fold your right hand on top of your left, palms facing up, and receive the wafer. You may immediately eat the wafer or wait for the wine and take communion by intinction*. To sip the wine from the chalice, guide it to your lips with your hand on the base of the chalice. Receiving just the bread or wine alone is considered full communion.

Leader That the members of this congregation, and all who gather with us in prayer and song, may embrace and embody the good news of the resurrection, we pray to the living God.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the people of this nation and those to whom we look for governance may be subject to one another in Christian love, we pray to the living God.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That war, famine, and disaster may cease in all the world, we pray to the living God.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That those in need of sustenance, shelter, healing, or accompaniment may be blessed with provision, we pray to the living God.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That, according to God’s promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, we pray to the living God.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Gracious God, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at the feet of your beloved Son; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE & OFFERTORY

EUCHARIST PRAYER

BCP PG. 340

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BCP PG. 336

PRAYER FOR HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP PG. 337

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP PG. 339

THE BLESSING & THE DISMISSAL

